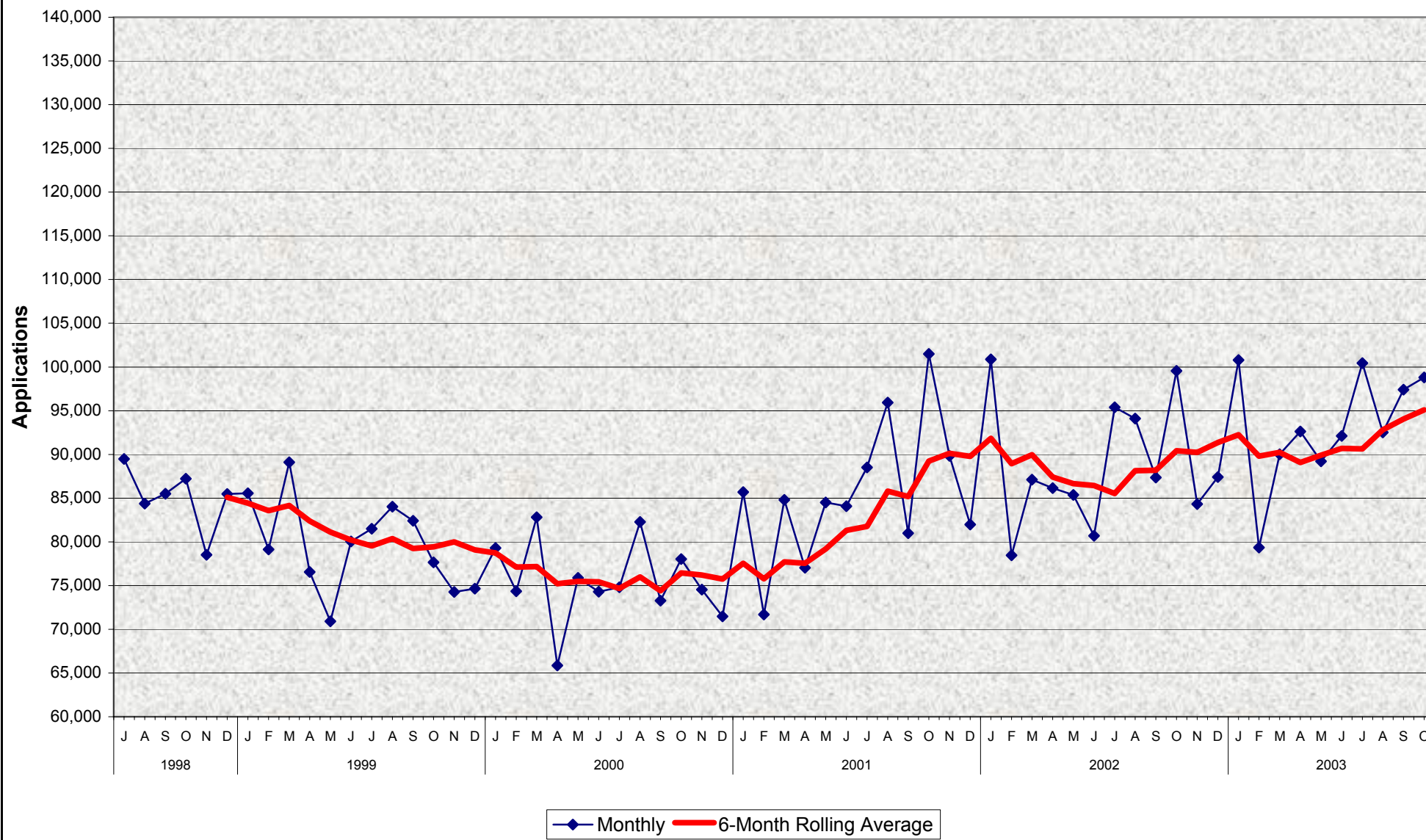


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MONTHLY PERCENT CHANGE

| | Jul | % Chg | Aug | % Chg | Sep | % Chg | Oct | % Chg | Nov | % Chg | Dec | % Chg | Jan | % Chg | Feb | % Chg | Mar | % Chg | Apr | % Chg | May | % Chg | Jun | % Chg |
|---------|---------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|---------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| 1998/99 | 89,481 | 5.2% | 84,384 | -5.7% | 85,496 | 1.3% | 87,212 | 2.0% | 78,509 | -10.0% | 85,481 | 8.9% | 85,561 | 0.1% | 79,134 | -7.5% | 89,093 | 12.6% | 76,551 | -14.1% | 70,916 | -7.4% | 80,057 | 12.9% |
| 1999/00 | 81,507 | 1.8% | 84,021 | 3.1% | 82,399 | -1.9% | 77,657 | -5.8% | 74,279 | -4.3% | 74,644 | 0.5% | 79,304 | 6.2% | 74,359 | -6.2% | 82,826 | 11.4% | 65,852 | -20.5% | 75,892 | 15.2% | 74,301 | -2.1% |
| 2000/01 | 74,820 | 0.7% | 82,271 | 10.0% | 73,283 | -10.9% | 78,041 | 6.5% | 74,538 | -4.5% | 71,465 | -4.1% | 85,703 | 19.9% | 71,689 | -16.4% | 84,795 | 18.3% | 77,033 | -9.2% | 84,501 | 9.7% | 84,090 | -0.5% |
| 2001/02 | 88,499 | 5.2% | 95,924 | 8.4% | 80,982 | -15.6% | 101,500 | 25.3% | 89,826 | -11.5% | 81,978 | -8.7% | 100,874 | 23.1% | 78,470 | -22.2% | 87,116 | 11.0% | 86,159 | -1.1% | 85,365 | -0.9% | 80,698 | -5.5% |
| 2002/03 | 95,393 | 18.2% | 94,109 | -1.3% | 87,352 | -7.2% | 99,552 | 14.0% | 84,310 | -15.3% | 87,405 | 3.7% | 100,798 | 15.3% | 79,360 | -21.3% | 90,026 | 13.4% | 92,618 | 2.9% | 89,210 | -3.7% | 92,112 | 3.3% |
| 2003/04 | 100,445 | 9.0% | 92,523 | -7.9% | 97,403 | 5.3% | 98,810 | 1.4% | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

- Food Stamp applications increased 1.4% between September 2003 and October 2003.
- Food Stamp applications decreased 0.7% between October 2002 and October 2003.

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